

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered showers were reported across most of the State last week; however weekly moisture totals remained below average for many areas, allowing producers ample time to harvest chile, hay, and silage, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Temperatures were at or above average at all reporting weather stations. The warm weather, coupled with mostly dry conditions, allowed for 7 days suitable for fieldwork, compared with the five year average of 6.1 days. Chama, at 0.90 inch, noted the largest accumulation during the week. Comments from several counties noted that hot, dry weather was depleting soil moisture and worsening pasture grass conditions, while boosting row crop maturity. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 62 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 70 percent last week, 43 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 41 percent. Average temperatures ranged from average to 8 degrees above average. Daytime highs varied from 74 degrees at Angel Fire to 102 degrees at Acme. Overnight lows ranged from 31 degrees at Angel Fire and Ocate to 61 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Pecan nut set was reported as 6 percent heavy, 61 percent moderate, and 33 percent light, compared with 64 percent moderate, and 36 percent light last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent severe, 9 percent moderate, and 13 percent light, compared with 6 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 12 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 29 percent light, compared with 7 percent severe, 7 percent moderate, and 29 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 18 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week.

| CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 4 th cutting harvested..... | 90 | 85 | 98 | 99 |
| 5 th cutting harvested..... | 50 | 46 | 63 | 71 |
| 6 th cutting harvested..... | 27 | 17 | 10 | 13 |
| Chile | | | | |
| Green harvested..... | 78 | 70 | 84 | 86 |
| Red harvested..... | 1 | NA | 1 | 1 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Dough..... | 82 | 70 | 91 | 94 |
| Dented..... | 64 | 44 | 63 | 70 |
| Mature..... | 29 | 15 | 10 | 28 |
| Corn harvested for silage..... | 58 | 50 | 50 | 58 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Setting bolls..... | 90 | 85 | 98 | 96 |
| Bolls opening..... | 26 | 12 | 60 | 43 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Headed..... | 88 | 81 | 96 | 93 |
| Coloring..... | 76 | 72 | 53 | 40 |
| Mature..... | 10 | 4 | 15 | 5 |
| Harvested for grain..... | 1 | -- | -- | -- |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Planted..... | 67 | 48 | 28 | 26 |
| Emerged..... | 19 | 4 | 1 | 1 |

NA – not available
(--) – zero

| DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
| Days suitable for fieldwork..... | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 4 | 5 | 8 | 24 |
| Short..... | 34 | 25 | 49 | 35 |
| Adequate..... | 59 | 64 | 39 | 37 |
| Surplus..... | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 2 | 3 | 8 | NA |
| Short..... | 36 | 30 | 29 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 59 | 61 | 62 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 3 | 6 | 1 | NA |

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| CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 30 | 25 | 3 | 7 |
| Fair..... | 19 | 20 | 42 | 29 |
| Good | 41 | 45 | 46 | 50 |
| Excellent | 10 | 10 | 9 | 12 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 22 | 25 | 31 | 21 |
| Good | 56 | 56 | 47 | 48 |
| Excellent | 15 | 8 | 18 | 25 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Poor..... | 6 | 7 | 28 | 17 |
| Fair..... | 35 | 28 | 32 | 32 |
| Good | 44 | 48 | 30 | 34 |
| Excellent | 11 | 12 | 7 | 15 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| Poor..... | 23 | 22 | 20 | 21 |
| Fair..... | 35 | 41 | 45 | 34 |
| Good | 33 | 29 | 29 | 23 |
| Excellent | 7 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| Peanuts | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | 1 | 6 |
| Poor..... | 5 | 8 | 5 | 25 |
| Fair..... | 65 | 61 | 66 | 55 |
| Good | 30 | 31 | 28 | 13 |
| Excellent | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Pecan | | | | |
| Very poor..... | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor..... | -- | 1 | -- | -- |
| Fair..... | 5 | 6 | 7 | 18 |
| Good | 71 | 69 | 47 | 54 |
| Excellent | 24 | 24 | 46 | 28 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 7 | 9 | -- | 7 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Fair..... | 35 | 39 | 75 | 35 |
| Good | 43 | 45 | 22 | 44 |
| Excellent | 14 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 1 | -- | 2 | NA |
| Poor..... | 2 | 1 | 4 | NA |
| Fair..... | 27 | 29 | 35 | NA |
| Good | 59 | 63 | 54 | NA |
| Excellent | 11 | 7 | 5 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 5 | 2 | 12 | NA |
| Poor..... | 7 | 4 | 13 | NA |
| Fair..... | 25 | 27 | 15 | NA |
| Good | 58 | 64 | 54 | NA |
| Excellent | 5 | 3 | 6 | NA |

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_09172017.pdf